

**CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING**

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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the  
Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM: Sam W. Swofford, Ed.D.  
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SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment of Section 80050 of Title 5, California  
Code of Regulations, Pertaining to Health Services (School  
Nurse) Authorization

**Notice of Public Hearing is Hereby Given:**

In accordance with Commission policy, proposed Title 5 Regulations are being distributed prior to the public hearing. A copy of the proposed regulations is attached. The added text is underlined, while the ~~deleted~~ is lined-through. The public hearing is scheduled on:

August 20, 1998  
1:30 PM  
Sterling Hotel  
1300 H Street  
Sacramento, CA

**Statement of Reasons**Summary of Existing Laws and Regulations

Education Code Section 44267.5 provides that services as a school nurse may be provided by individuals holding a preliminary or professional services credential with a specialty in health for a school nurse in grades 12 or below, and that individuals holding a services credential with a specialization in health for a school nurse who also complete the requirements for a special class authorization in health in a program approved by the Commission may teach health in a preschool, kindergarten through twelfth grade and in classes organized primarily for adult professional program. Section 80050 of Title 5 defines the minimum requirements for a preliminary, professional clear, and

special teaching authorization in health for the health services credential (school nurse).

Section 80050 of Title 5 provides the minimum requirements for a preliminary, clear, and professional health services for a school nurse credential. The amendment to section 80050 will define the minimum requirements for the special teaching authorization in health, eliminate unnecessary provisions, replace the term “professional” with “professional clear”, and rename the credential to be consistent with the face of the document.

### **Public Problem**

Section 44267.5 of the Education Code provides that holders of a services credential with a specialization in health for a school nurse who also completes the requirements for a special class authorization in health in a program that is approved by the Commission is authorized to teach classes in health in a preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 - 12, inclusive, and classes organized primarily for adults. To date minimum requirements for these programs have not been established.

### **Purpose of Proposed Action**

The purposes of the proposed action are: (a) define the minimum requirements for the special teaching authorization in health for holders of the professional clear health services (school nurse) credential; (b) change the name of the credential to be consistent with the face of the document; (c) replace the term ‘professional’ with ‘professional clear’ to be consistent with language used in other regulations; (d) eliminate unnecessary provisions that are outdated; and (e) reorganize the regulations to clarify the minimum requirements for the preliminary credential, professional clear credential, and the special teaching authorization in health.

### **Rationale for Proposed Regulations**

It has not been possible for holders of the health services (school nurse) credential to obtain the special class authorization provided for in law because the standards for professional programs had not been established by the Commission and the minimum requirements had not been defined in regulations. This action will establish these requirements. In addition the proposed action will eliminate outdated provisions; replace the term ‘professional’ with ‘professional clear’ to be consistent with other regulations; and reorganize the regulations to clarify the minimum requirements for the preliminary credential, professional clear credential, and special teaching authorization in health.

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**Documents Relied Upon in Preparing Regulations**

Program Standards for the Special Class Teaching Authorization in Health were developed by Commission staff in consultation with a School Nurse Advisory Committee during the months August to November, 1997. The proposed program standards were circulated to all county offices of education, superintendents of the 20 largest school districts, coordinators of university school nurse preparation programs, directors of university teacher education program and professional organizations in the fields of school nursing and health for professional comments. These activities were reported and acted on respectively at the Preparation Standards Committee of the Commission in January and April, 1998.

Draft versions of the proposed regulations were reported and acted on respectively at the Credentials and Certificated Assignments Committee of the Commission in February and March, 1998.

**Documents Incorporated by Reference**

None

**Written Comment Period**

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments on the proposed action(s). The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 1998.

Any written comments received 14 days prior to the public hearing will be reproduced by the Commission's staff for each Commissioner as a courtesy to the person submitting the comments and will be included in the written agenda prepared for and presented to the full Commission at the hearing.

**Submission of Written Comments**

A response form is attached for your use when submitting written comments to the Commission. Please send it to the Commission at 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-7000, so it is received at least one day prior to the date of the public hearing,

**Public Hearing**

Oral comments on the proposed action will be taken at the public hearing. We would appreciate 14 days advance notice in order to schedule sufficient time on the agenda. Please contact the Executive Director's office at (916) 445-0184 regarding this.

Any person wishing to submit written comments at the public hearing may do so. It is requested, but not required, that persons submitting such comments provide fifty copies. All written statements submitted at the hearing will, however, be given full consideration regardless of the number of copies submitted.

### **Modification of Proposed Action(s)**

If the Commission proposes to modify the action(s) hereby proposed, the modifications (other than nonsubstantial or solely grammatical modifications) will be made available for public comment for at least 15 days before they are adopted.

### **Contact Person/Further Information**

Inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to Margaret Olebe, at (916) 322 - 6254. Upon request, a copy of the express terms of the proposed action and a copy of the initial statement of reasons will be made available. In addition, all the information on which this proposal is based is available for inspection and copying.

Attachments

Division VIII of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations

Proposed Amendments/Additions to Section 80050  
Pertaining to Changes in the Health Services (School Nurse)  
Authorization

INITIAL PROPOSED REGULATIONS

AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS TO TITLE 5 REGULATIONS

**80050. Specific Requirements for the Preliminary,  
Professional, and Professional Clear School Nurse Health  
Services Credential (School Nurse), including Requirements  
for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health.**

- (a) The minimum requirements for the preliminary School Nurse Health Services eCredential (School Nurse) shall include all of the following:
  - (1) a baccalaureate or higher degree from an regionally accredited institution of higher education;
  - (2) a valid California license as a registered nurse;
  - (3) ~~passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test as specified in Education Code Section 44252(b).~~
- ~~(b) The minimum requirements for the clear School Nurse Services credential shall include all of the following:~~
  - ~~(1) possession of the preliminary School Nurse Services credential issued prior to July 1, 1981;~~
  - ~~(2) to satisfy the requirement in Education Code Section 44267.5 of one year of course work beyond the baccalaureate degree, completion of a Commission-approved School nurse program.~~
- ~~(c)(b) The minimum requirements for the professional School Nurse Health Services eCredential (School Nurse), shall include all of the following:~~
  - ~~(1) possession of the preliminary School Nurse Services credential;~~
  - ~~(2) two years or the equivalent of successful service as a school nurse;~~
  - ~~(3) to satisfy the requirement in Education Code Section 44267.5 of one year of course work beyond the baccalaureate degree, completion of a Commission-approved School Nurse program prior to 7-1-94.~~
- (c) The minimum requirements for the professional clear Health Services Credential (School Nurse) shall include all of the following:

- (1) Possession of a California Preliminary Health Services Credential (School Nurse).
- (2) The completion of a professional preparation program for the Health Services Credential (School Nurse) accredited by the Committee on Accreditation, including successful completion of supervised field experiences.
- (d) The minimum requirements for the professional clear Health Services Credential (School Nurse) with the Special Teaching Authorization in Health shall include all of the following:
  - (1) Possession of a California Preliminary Health Services Credential (School Nurse).
  - (2) The completion of a professional preparation program for the Health Services Credential (School Nurse) with the Special Teaching Authorization in Health accredited by the Committee on Accreditation, including successful completion of supervised field experiences and student teaching.
- (e) The minimum requirements for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health include all of the following:
  - (1) Possession of a California credential that authorizes service as a school nurse.
  - (2) The completion a professional preparation program for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health accredited by the Committee on Accreditation, including successful completion of at least six graduate semester units (or nine quarter units) of coursework and at least fifteen clock hours of observation and forty-five clock hours of student teaching specifically designed to prepare nurses to teach health.
- (f) Authorizations:
  - (1) The Health Services Credential (School Nurse) authorizes the holder to perform the services as specified in Education Code section 44267.5(c).
  - (2) The Special Teaching Authorization in Health authorizes the holder to teach classes in health in preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive and classes organized primarily for adults as specified in Education Code 44267.5(d).
- (d)(g) The period of validity is as follows:
  - (1) The Preliminary school nurse Health Services Credential (School Nurse), shall be issued for five years.
  - (2) The Professional Clear Health Services Credential (School Nurse) shall be dated per Title 5 Section 80553.
  - (3) The Special Teaching Authorization in Health shall be valid as long as the prerequisite credential authorizing school nurse services is valid.

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Section Nos.: 80050

**Response to the Attached Title 5 Regulations**

So that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing can more clearly estimate the general field response to the attached Title 5 regulations, please return this response form to the Commission office at the above address by 5:00 pm on August 19, 1998, in order that the material can be presented at the August 20, 1998 public hearing.

1. ☐ Yes, I agree with the proposed Title 5 regulations. Please count me in favor of these regulations.
2. ☐ No, I do not agree with the proposed Title 5 Regulations for the following reasons: (If additional space is needed, use the reverse side of this sheet.)
3. ☐ Personal opinion of the undersigned. and/or
4. ☐ Organizational opinion representing: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle One) School District, County Schools, College, University, Professional Organization, Other
5. ☐ I shall be at the public hearing, place my name on the list for making a presentation to the Commission.
6. ☐ No, I will not make a presentation to the Commission at the public hearing.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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